## **REMARKS**

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the receipt of the November 19, 2004 Official Action in which Claims 1 to 64 and 69 are allowed.

In an effort to expedite prosecution Claims 65, 66, and 70 are canceled without prejudice.

The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is in order and is respectfully requested. If there is any further matter that requires attention prior to the issuance of the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter can be discussed and promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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